

Now, Therefore, I, George W. Bush, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim December 17, 2005, as Wright Brothers Day.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this sixteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord two thousand five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirtieth.

George W. Bush

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NOTE: This proclamation will be published in the *Federal Register* on December 21.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

December 10

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

December 12

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President-elect Manuel Zelaya of Honduras to congratulate him on his election victory. Later, he had an intelligence briefing. Then, in the Oval Office, he participated in an interview with Brian Williams for NBC's *Nightly News*.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Philadelphia, PA. While en route aboard Air Force One, he participated in an additional interview with Brian Williams for NBC's *The Today Show*.

In the afternoon, the President participated in a third interview with Brian Williams. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

In the evening, at the State Department, the President attended a holiday reception for the diplomatic corps.

December 13

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he met with Republican Senators to discuss the war on terror. He then traveled to Springfield, VA.

Later in the morning, the President returned to Washington, DC.

In the afternoon, in the Residence, the President and Mrs. Bush hosted a luncheon for Rep. John Dingell to celebrate his 50th anniversary of becoming a Member of Congress.

The President announced his intention to nominate Michell C. Clark to be Assistant Secretary of Education for Management.

The President announced his intention to nominate Gary A. Grappo to be Ambassador to Oman.

The President announced his intention to nominate Raymond L. Orbach to be Under Secretary of Energy for Science.

The President announced his intention to nominate Anne-Imelda Radice to be Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

The President announced his intention to appoint Jim Davis and Frank D. Ferris as members of the Federal Salary Council.

The President announced his intention to appoint Joan Stevens Eller and John Leachman Oliver III as members of the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

December 14

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he met with Jay P. Lefkowitz, Special Envoy on Human Rights in North Korea. Then, in the Roosevelt Room, he participated in a briefing with Democratic Members of Congress on the war on terror in Iraq.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with Vice President Dick Cheney. Later, in the private study, he participated in an interview with Brit Hume of FOX News.

In the evening, the President hosted a holiday reception.

December 15

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office,

he participated in a meeting on Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush hosted a holiday reception for the White House press corps.

December 16

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he met with Senators to discuss the situation in Iraq.

Later in the morning, the President had separate telephone conversations with President Khalifa bin Zayid al-Nuhayyan of the United Arab Emirates, King Abdallah bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia, Prime Minister Sabah al-Ahmad al-Jabir al-Sabah of Kuwait, and King Abdullah II of Jordan to discuss the situation in Iraq.

The President announced his intention to nominate the following individuals to be members of the Federal Election Commission: Robert D. Lenhard, David M. Mason, Hans von Spakovsky, and Steven T. Walther.

The President announced his designation of Andrew S. Natsios as a member of a Presidential delegation to Indonesia for the Indian Ocean Tsunami Commemoration on December 17–18.

The President declared a major disaster in Connecticut and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding from October 14–15.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted December 13

Michell C. Clark,
of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Management, Department of Education, vice William Leidinger.

Michael L. Dominguez,
of Virginia, to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, vice Charles S. Abell, resigned.

Gary A. Grappo,
of Virginia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Sultanate of Oman.

Bradford R. Higgins,
of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Resource Management), vice Christopher Bancroft Burnham.

Bradford R. Higgins,
of Connecticut, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of State, vice Christopher Bancroft Burnham, resigned.

Raymond L. Orbach,
of California, to be Under Secretary for Science, Department of Energy (new position).

Anne-Imelda Radice,
of Vermont, to be Director of the Institute of Museum Services, vice Robert S. Martin.

Withdrawn December 13

Ellen G. Engleman Connors,
of Indiana, to be Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term of 2 years (reappointment), which was sent to the Senate on April 4, 2005.

Edward L. Flippen,
of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Corporation for National and Community Service, vice J. Russell George, which was sent to the Senate on January 24, 2005.

John M. Molino,
of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Policy and Planning), vice Claude M. Kicklighter, resigned, which was sent to the Senate on September 6, 2005.

Submitted December 14

Patrick Joseph Schiltz,
of Minnesota, to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Minnesota, vice Richard H. Kyle, retired.